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THIRD AMENDMENT - AFTER FINAL ACTION

This is in response to the office action mailed
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The newly cited reference, US 1,949,716 of Harsch is wholly cumulative to earlier cited and no longer applied US 3,716,222 of Anderson.

More particularly Harsch has, as correctly noted by the examiner, a longitudinally extending furnace, but it is subdivided as clearly shown in FIG. 8 by a series of partitions 25 into a series of transversely extending compartments. The workpieces, are passed sequentially through the various compartments, being heat-